

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
MAY 11, 2010**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	Present
Board member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present

Also present were Police Chief Douglas Tarvin, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Building Commissioner David Seger, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 27, 2010. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**BEAN BAG TOSS GAMES**

Andy Fritch, representing Headquarters 201 Main Street, asked permission to hold Bean Bag Toss Games on the City-owned lot next to his place of business. He said these games were held in the past and would like to continue to do this around June 13<sup>th</sup> and then on a monthly basis thereafter. An area would be fenced off and only those 21 years of age or older would be permitted in the fenced area.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of Headquarters to utilize a portion of the City lot adjacent to his establishment for a bean bag toss on condition Fritch notifies the police department one week in advance of the event and has a proper certificate of insurance. Motion carried 3-0.

### **SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK**

Christine Vincent, representing Tri-Cap, asked permission to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Suicide Prevention Walk on September 11, 2010 with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. followed by the walk at 9:00 a.m. The route is the same as last year. It begins in the parking lot behind the Cinemas, then north to the Courthouse and back to the parking lot.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of Tri-Cap for their annual walk on September 11, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PRESERVE DUBOIS COUNTY**

Mayor Schmitt read a request from Joe Rohleder who was representing a group called Preserve Dubois County. This group in conjunction with the Indiana Historic Landmark Organization wants to use the Barn on May 25, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to hold a public seminar on how to save and repair original windows from historic buildings. They asked the Board to waive the \$50.00 rental fee.

Mayor Schmitt said the event, whose purpose is to educate people, is free of charge and is open to the public.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to waive the fee for the Preserve Dubois County group for the use of the Barn on May 25, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Schmitt read a proclamation that declared May 16 – 22, 2010 as Jasper Public Works week.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Graffiti incident.** Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said there was an incident last week involving graffiti on signs in the 15<sup>th</sup> Street area. Eckerle reminded everyone that defacing signs and markers is an offense that is punishable by law.

Mayor Schmitt said it costs all of us when we have to clean up or replace these signs. If anyone sees such actions they should call in because whoever is responsible for the damage needs to pay for its replacement.

**Street paving.** Eckerle gave a street paving report and said they started on the first phase.

### **CLOSE 4TH STREET**

Street Commissioner Eckerle asked to close 4<sup>th</sup> Street between St. John and Clay Streets sometime in June after school is closed in order to replace the storm sewer before they pave the street in that area.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to allow the street department to close 4<sup>th</sup> Street between St. John and Clay Streets as needed in order to repair the storm sewer. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REAL ESTATE LEASE AGREEMENT**

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein presented a one-year lease agreement between the City of Jasper and Jasper Realty Partnership LLP beginning May 22, 2010 and ending May 23, 2011 for a fee of \$1.00 for the year. This agreement is for the property the City used for the solid fill. The agreement does not have an automatic extension clause.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to enter into an agreement with Jasper Realty Partnership LLP for the lease of the solid fill property for a year. Motion carried 3-0.

### **AED DONATION**

Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider said the Jasper Youth Soccer Association donated a ZOLL AED Plus defibrillator to the City to be placed in the concession stand at Schroeder Complex. Schneider asked the Board to accept the donation.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the AED unit from the Jasper Youth Soccer Association and place it at Schroeder Complex. Motion carried 3-0.

### **BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**House demolished.** Building Commissioner Dave Seger reported that the house on North Newton Street has been demolished and the house across the street that burned is still standing. Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang said the contractor has been given the go ahead to tear this house down and the owner plans to rebuild.

**Comprehensive Plan Open House.** Seger invited everyone to an open house to be held at the Habig Center next Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to view the comprehensive plan.

### **HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the location that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

<b>Owners</b>	<b>Location</b>
Ricky McNabb	1491 W 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Petry's 1 <sup>st</sup> Add Lot 25
Wells Fargo Bank	1406 W 4 <sup>th</sup> Street
Lisa K. Humbert	1327 Greene St Maurice De St Palais Lot 49
Doulas of North America	811 Newton Street
Alfred Seifrig	Fairview Ave Lots 45,46,47,48
Robert & Mary Jane Durcholz	Red Oak Estates Lots 10 & 12
Secretary of Housing and Urban	328 W 9 <sup>th</sup> St S1/2 SW SE 26-1-5 .12 A

Gwendolyn L. Wilms	2423 Newton St Summit Heights Lot 9A and PT SW SW 23-1-5 .47 A
Phillip & Katherine Allen Fam Tr	2393 Stacey Ln Fairway Park 1 <sup>st</sup> Add Lot 9
Jason & Heather Black	233 Hillside Dr PT E ½ 33-1-5 .14A
Stanley & Brenda Vaal	312 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave 1 <sup>st</sup> Add Little Kentucky Lot 6

### **MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang presented the April 2010 Jasper Fire Department monthly maintenance report for the Board to review.

### **CITY ENGINEER REPORTS**

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported on the following:

**4<sup>th</sup> Street Project.** The contractor's people are out there today to put in topsoil and finish seeding and mulching. Hurm said when they met with the contractor to put together an estimate for the additional work that was mentioned at the last meeting, they said they could not do it for the bid prices any more. Concrete Pavers estimated the cost to be under \$12,000.00 so doing the additional work is no longer feasible.

Hurm said CrossRoads and Concrete Pavers are reviewing the quantities so there may be one more change order.

**Walking Path.** The Contractor is removing the inside edge of the original path and weather permitting they want to start ribbing work on Wednesday. They are looking at mid June for a completion date.

Mayor Schmitt asked about the fence. Hurm said he has not contacted Wuchner yet.

Hurm said they are in the process of looking at the cost of things with Clark Dietz such as the field office and not doing as much work on some of the driveways.

**Retaining Wall.** Hurm said when the contractor installed the retaining wall according to the quantity of blocks listed it was 50-55 ft. short in length. To complete the wall additional blocks are needed for an estimated cost of \$5,684.77. The engineer will review what went wrong with the quantity and who will pay.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter so this portion does not hold up the project and go ahead with the necessary additional retaining wall installation and work out the details who will pay. Motion carried 3-0.

### **NEW RADIO SYSTEM**

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin said certain City personnel recently met with representatives from Advanced Radio Communications, the firm that installed the new radio system, to discuss a few concerns about the radio coverage. In some areas around town they still cannot communicate because of steel buildings.

Tarvin said after extensive radio testing, it was determined that we could increase coverage by changing to speaker microphones with a built in antenna.

Tarvin when asked permission to trade in the speaker microphones that were issued with the new radio system and replace them with a Public Safety Speaker Microphone which includes an antenna. Since Advanced Radio Communications had the original contract, they provided the following estimate:

\$5,040.00 40 speaker microphones with antenna  
-2,040.00 trade in 40 radios from original purchase  
3,000.00 difference

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the purchase of new radio speaker microphones with antenna less the trade for a net price of \$3,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

### **SPIRIT of JASPER TICKET SALES SUMMARY**

Ticketing and Marketing Agent Kurt Heim presented a Spirit of Jasper ticket sales summary report along with reports that indicate from what community people come from who are purchasing tickets.

**CLAIMS.** The claims against the City from April 9, 2010 to May 6, 2010 were presented to and examined by the board. Those claims found to be just, due and owing were approved 3-0 upon **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

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**Mayor William J. Schmitt**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary